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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Sir:

Further in response to the office action dated January 3, 2003, and further to the RCE and Petition to Suspend Action mailed on June 26, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record based on the following remarks and the accompanying Rule 132 affidavit.